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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Mail Stop: ISSUE FEE**
Shinji KAJII et al. : **Confirmation No. 8610**
Serial No. 10/634,829 : [Group Art Unit 1755
Filed August 6, 2003 : Examiner Karl E. Group]

HIGHLY HEAT-RESISTANT INORGANIC FIBER
BONDED CERAMIC COMPONENT AND
PROCESS FOR THE PRODUCTION THEREOF

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The Notice of Allowability states as the Reasons for Allowance that,
“The prior art of record fails to teach or fairly suggest the claimed inorganic fiber bonded composite of a specific surface structure and having carbon containing grain boundaries of 1-100 nm.”

In reply, the above feature is already described at U.S. 6,132,856 and JP No. 9-52776 having a filing date of August 17, 1995.

A partial translation of JP No. 9-52776 A is enclosed.

A revised Statement of Reasons for Allowance is, accordingly, respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

Shinji KAJII et al.

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